provide service in the State to a population of about 126.4 lakhs. Besides, a population of about 29.1 lakhs of the State is covered by TV transmitters functioning in the neighbouring States.

(b) Yes, Sir.

Construction of Wells in Rajasthan

3224. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of wells constructed in Rajasthan under IRDP during the last three years;

(b) the classification of wells and the amount spent on them;

(c) the number of wells which collapsed or became useless;

(d) the performance report of the wells already constructed; and

(e) the total number of wells proposed to be constructed during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) 2946 new wells were constructed and 9577 wells deepened under IRDP in Rajasthan during last three years.

(b) An amount of Rs. 294.6 lakhs was spent on construction of these new wells and Rs. 287.31 lakhs on deepening of wells.

(c) and (d) This information is not being monitored.

(e) 2464 wells are proposed to be constructed and 5761 deepened during the current financial year (1987-88).

Rice Development Programme in Bihar

3225. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRACULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Special Rice Development Programme had been taken up in Bihar in 1985-86;

(b) whether it is also a fact that convener BPCC (I) Kisan Cell has written to the then Minister of State in the Ministry of Agriculture on the 3rd January, 1988 that the amount spent on the programme has been defaulted by the officers of the Agriculture Department of Bihar; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken in this regard till today?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir. A Centrally Sponsored Special Rice Production Programme is being implemented in Bihar from 1985-86.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Minister of State for Agriculture received a letter dated 1.1.1988 from the Convener BPCC (I) Kisan Cell complaining that there is a great misappropriation of Central Grant in the implementation of the Special Rice Development Programme in Bihar.

(c) Department of Agriculture, Bihar was requested in February, 1988 to contact the Convener BPCC (I) Kisan Cell for obtaining specific instances of misappropriation, if any and submit a report. The Authorities have been reminded in March, 1988.

Inadequate supply of Wheat to Flour Millers in A. P.

3226. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of FOOD